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Group plans tuition report

By AMY HEEREN
Staff writer

Plans for a detailed presentation that will acquaint students with the need for tuition hikes were reviewed by the Tuition Review Committee at a meeting Tuesday.

Committee Chairman Jason Anselment said the presentation will deal with Eastern's budgetary aspects, such as its sources of funding and where the university has fallen behind. It will also discuss the allocation of appropriated funds, which are generally made up of state tax revenues and tuition and fees collected.

The presentation uses graphic and numerical information prepared by Kim Furumo, Eastern's budget director, to show the need for tuition hikes and where money generated by tuition hikes goes.

"Sometimes numbers can be dry and if we can show our library funds are lagging on a graph, it works better," Anselment said.

A summary of tuition increases over the last seven years demonstrates that tuition increases are both normal and necessary. Tuition for lower-division undergraduates has increased by an average of 4.5 percent, while tuition for upper-division undergraduates increased by 4.3 percent. Graduate tuition increased by an average of 4.2 percent.

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JOHN COX/Staff photographer
Board of Governors Trustee Mack Hollowell tells Faculty Senate members his ideas about the possible effects of a BOG eliminations bill. Hollowell told the group eliminating the governing board would cause Eastern tremendous damage.

Senate hears of board's fate

By JAMIE RILEY
Staff writer

Eastern and four other Board of Governors universities would not lose any significant services and would likely save money if the board were to be dissolved, BOG trustee Mack Hollowell told the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

"It has been postulated that probably it would be less expensive," Hollowell

said. "The boards could be operated for \$100,000. Multiply that by five and it comes to somewhat less (than the cost of running the BOG)," Hollowell said.

Hollowell was invited by the senate to discuss a bill prefiled by State Rep. Mike Weaver, R-Ashmore, that calls for the replacement of the BOG with local governing bodies.

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IBHE OKs BOG budget \$2.7 million increase designated for Eastern

By DAVE HOSICK
Administration editor

The Illinois Board of Higher Education voted Tuesday to approve a \$58 million budget for Eastern next year, representing a substantial increase from the current budget.

The IBHE met in Chicago to vote on next year's budget, which will award Eastern a 4.9 percent or \$2.7 million increase over current this year's appropriations.

"The vote was pretty routine, and it went as we expected," said Barbara Hill, vice president for academic affairs.

The IBHE recommendations will be forwarded to the governor and the state Legislature for consideration later this year. Eastern administrators are hopeful that the budget will pass the two without receiving substantial cuts.

"We are going to spend a lot of time making a case to get the recommendations approved without reduction," said Michelle Brazell, BOG spokeswoman.

Last year marked the first time the governor and the Legislature approved the IBHE's recommendations without making any reductions.

The IBHE staff recommended to the board the 4.9 percent increase for Eastern, giving it the second largest increase among the five Board of Governors schools.

The BOG schools received substantial budget increases

for next year, taking the top three percentage increases among the state's 12 public universities. The BOG is the governing body for Chicago and Governors State, Northeastern, Eastern and Western Illinois universities.

In the past two years, Eastern has not fared well in budget recommendations from the board. This year's budget consisted of a 3.5 percent increase – the fifth lowest. In fiscal year 1994, the university was allocated a 2.7 percent increase, the lowest of all the schools.

In other business at the IBHE meeting, the board voted to draft a bill that would eliminate sick leave pay at all public universities, which have had a problem with employees who did not use sick days and received large sums of back pay when they retire or resign.

This legislation is aimed at stopping sick leave benefits for all new employees at public universities and placing caps on the sick leave pay that current employees have already compiled.

"Theoretically, a person who has been employed for 25 years and does not take many sick days could leave with thousands and thousands of dollars in back pay," Brazell said.

Brazell said the BOG was glad to see this topic come up for discussion in the legislative arena because it has become a big concern and liability for universities.

New Union hair salon now slated for June

By AMY HEEREN
Staff writer

The university has set a target date of June to open a planned campus hair-care salon to serve the needs of Eastern's minority students.

The salon, which will be added to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, will be primarily for African-American students and will offer services as well as hair-care products. It will be located in the lower level of the west wing of the Union.

Physical Plant Director Ted Weidner said a storage room and part of the Glenn Williams conference room will be removed to make room for the salon.

"I get the feeling that they don't realize that we have no intentions for competing with them."

—Susan Harris

Union Advisor Board co-chairwoman

A committee formed by the Union Advisory Board in early December to plan the construction of the facility is scheduled to meet for the first time Jan. 18, committee co-chairwoman Susan Harris said Tuesday.

"(Eastern President David Jorns) would like to see it move quickly," Harris said.

The committee will decide at that time whether to employ an independent contractor or university workers to construct the facility. It will also discuss staffing of the salon once it opens.

Current plans are to employ at least one professional hair stylist.

The salon committee is made up of minority and non-minority students,

university staff members and representatives of different student organizations. Committee members also include a woman who previously attempted to operate a salon for minorities in the community as well as a representative of salon owners in Charleston.

"Salon owners have had many questions about the salon," Harris said. "I get the feeling that they don't realize that we have no intentions for competing with them."

The cost of the salon, which will be approximately 150 square feet in size, has not been determined yet. The facility will include two washing stations, two styling stations and a waiting area.

Food stamp fraud on the increase

DETROIT (AP) – Scores of shivering poor squeeze into the warmth of a tiny gray building to collect their food stamps, the precious first allotment of the new year.

Then they walk outside and quickly sell the little coupons at a discount to organized rings of cocky street hawkers and crooked grocers, who will redeem the stamps at full value for a neat profit from the U.S. government.

"I see 20-25 percent of the people who come out of there sell their

stamps," says Michigan State Police Lt. Lewis Langham, head of a state and federal task force on food stamp fraud. The going rate is 50 cents to 70 cents cash on the dollar.

Since the food stamp program began as an experiment under President Kennedy in 1961, fraud has grown bigger and better organized almost every year. The Secret Service estimates \$2 billion of the \$24 billion in food stamps issued annually are redeemed illegally.

It has also become a motley form of

organized crime, with the scams as diverse and complex as local American cultures. The Detroit racket, played out around an east side distribution center, is just one variety in a garden of deceit.

In Akron, Ohio, a ring of ethnic Palestinian grocers systematically laundered hundreds of thousands of dollars in food stamps.

In Albuquerque, N.M., con artists canvass the destitute at homeless shelters, offering to buy their benefits on the cheap.

Restaurants aren't permitted to take food stamps for payment, but in New York City, Chinese takeout restaurants often accept them routinely.

Federal, state and local investigators say virtually every U.S. city has an underground system to divert food stamps, and there is evidence that millions of dollars in food stamp profits have disappeared overseas.

"We're finding million-dollar cases," says Craig Beauchamp, inspector general of the Food and Consumer Service.

Man stomped to death by an enraged moose

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) – A man was stomped to death at the University of Alaska by a moose that was being harassed by students as it roamed the campus with its calf.

The animals were outside the gym when 71-year-old Myong Chin Ra arrived on Monday to use the sauna.

"He tried to just kind of slip by

them," said campus police Officer Jim Milne, "but that didn't work."

The moose charged, and Ra ran toward a clump of trees. He fell on a slippery walkway, said Shane Harvey, a student.

"She'd get on her front legs and kick with her back legs," Harvey said.

"He probably got stomped about a

dozen times." People had harassed the moose and its calf for hours, and the animals were agitated when Ra arrived, witnesses said.

"There were people standing around throwing snowballs, yelling, whistling, shouting, trying to get their attention," said Ann Gross, a director at the university's day-care center, "There were

lots of people with cameras." Police stayed with the moose and its calf until it left campus several hours later.

The university is in a heavily wooded area favored by moose, but attacks are rare. The last fatal moose attack in the Anchorage area was in 1993, when a woman was trampled in her yard.

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BOG

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Weaver has introduced similar legislation twice before, but both attempts failed.

The BOG is the governing body for Chicago and Governors State, North-eastern, Western and Eastern Illinois universities.

Hallowell cited legal services provided by the BOG and a system-wide computer center at Governors State University in University Park, Ill., as main examples of the services that would be lost with the elimination of the BOG.

"You would also lose overview, which some people feel is a very good thing," he said.

Hallowell also said an elimination of the BOG might cause Eastern to lose power in its lobbying efforts, a concern

to faculty members who fear that the University of Illinois system would have even more clout with the Illinois Legislature without the BOG representing the five universities.

"It would seem to me that (the University of) Illinois is about as strong as we want it to be," Hallowell said. "How to get to the University of Illinois is to get to the Legislature."

Senate member Jayne Ozier said because of its size, the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana is always going to be at the forefront of education in the state.

"The University of Illinois has so many alumni throughout the state that they are always going to get what they want," Ozier said.

Hallowell also said that in the face of the BOG "kill bill," the board is look-

ing at internal changes to comply with the five universities' needs.

"There have been a number of requests made recently for information the board wants to use to make decisions as to the direction we want to take," Hallowell said. "We are continuing with the philosophy that changes need to be made."

Hallowell said the board is taking the bill seriously.

"I know there is light to the Weaver bill," Hallowell said. "It has been spoken of by people as a good bill. It is not dead."

Several of those people in attendance at Tuesday's meeting voiced concerns about the effect a dissolution of the BOG would have on the faculty union, the University Professionals of Illinois. English professor David

Carpenter said a new governing body for Eastern could result in the union being forced to negotiate a new contract with the new board.

Hallowell said he does not see that as a concern. "If Eastern's faculty wants to organize then they have the right to do it."

Ozier also questioned whether faculty tenure is included in Weaver's bill. Ozier said tenure for high school faculty members is mandated by state law, but not for university faculty.

"I can't imagine that any legislator would put in a 400-page document that he wants tenure for faculty," Ozier said.

Senate Chairman John Allison said he has obtained a copy of Weaver's bill and may place a copy on reserve in Booth Library soon.

Tuition

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Tuition for the 1995-96 academic year will increase by 3.5 percent.

In addition to this, the committee's summary also shows that faculty salaries, Booth Library and various equipment are underfunded by a combined total of \$7,085,200.

For the 1994-95 academic year, Booth Library received \$855,500 in actual funding, more than \$500,000 less than the \$1,410,500 it would have received under full funding.

The presentation will specifically point out decreases in the titles of current journals in the library.

"Research can not be done correctly without these journals," said faculty representative Bill Kirk. "Students think their research is correct, but it's really not."

Equipment funding for the same period totaled \$814,100, more than \$1 million less than it would have received under full funding.

The presentation will also demon-

strate that over the last seven years, the value of the campus has also decreased by \$75 million by deferred maintenance costs, which are structural improvements and repairs.

The committee hopes the presentation will show that Eastern does not receive as many state appropriated dollars per full-time enrollment student as other comparable schools.

"Internally we demonstrate that

we have a good need for money," Anselment said. "Maybe it's because we do better with what we have than other schools do in that we don't get as much."

Anselment and two other students plan to offer the presentation to the Student Senate and any other organization that is interested.

The committee has worked on the presentation for the past three months and hopes to have it ready by the end of January.

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Change won't slow flights

By JEREMY R. KIRK
Staff writer

Commuter flights to Chicago from Coles County Memorial Airport will not be interrupted when a new air carrier takes over sometime next month, said Jerry Carter, Coles County airport manager.

Great Lakes Aviation Limited, an airline operating in conjunction with United Express, will take over the route next month and provide service to O'Hare airport rather than Midway.

The airport's current carrier, Midway Connections, which provides flights from Coles County to Chicago's Midway Airport, declared bankruptcy last week. But the airline will continue flights to Coles County until the Great Lakes Aviation establishes service.

Midway is continuing service to the two communities to comply with the federal Essential Air Service Act, which is designed to provide air service to selected small communities.

Carter said the transfer of carriers should not interrupt any flights to Chicago, but there is a possibility of a change in ticket prices. However, he said, tickets for the new carrier probably will sell for an amount comparable to the current prices.

The flights to O'Hare aboard Great Lakes Aviation will mark the first time Coles County passengers have been able to fly to O'Hare since 1992, when American Eagle, then the local carrier, canceled service to the airport and took with it reserved slots, or landing times, at O'Hare.

Congress recently approved a law requiring the reinstatement of landing slots at O'Hare for airports that had lost service.

Coles County airport officials, who fought for several years to regain space at O'Hare, contended the metropolitan airport was a more convenient destination because it featured more connections that Midway Airport.

Coles County Memorial currently provides morning, mid-day and evening flights to Chicago.



CHET PIOTROWSKI/Staff photographer

Freezing frisbee

Todd Mertz, a freshmen undecided major, throws a frisbee to a teammate Tuesday afternoon as freshman undecided major Jeff Mendenhall defends him. The two were part of a group playing "Ultimate Frisbee," a type of football frisbee game.

Winter weather caused main leak

By BRIAN HUCHEL
Campus editor

A leak in the water main under Fourth Street Monday was probably caused by the repeated changes in temperature this winter, the director of Eastern's Physical Plant said Tuesday.

"It is just one of those mysterious things that happens," Ted Weidner said. "(The leak) was undoubtedly caused by the change in the weather."

The leak, which was discovered at about noon Monday, occurred under Fourth Street between McAfee Gymnasium and Douglas Hall. The

direct source of the leak, which was discovered at about 6 p.m., was finally repaired about two hours later.

Part of the street was temporarily closed and water pressure was reduced in Lincoln and Douglas halls because of the leak.

Physical Plant plumbers repaired the leak, but the city's water department will be expected to fill in a trench 40 feet long and five feet deep that was cut in the street to find the leak.

"Right now there's a temporary patch on it," Weidner said. "Nothing permanent will be put on it until after the weather warms up. Odds are the city will repair it and charge

the university with the cost."

The hole was filled with sand and rocks to reopen that part of the street. When weather permits, the street will be patched with concrete.

Weidner added that he expects the university's bill for the repairs to be under \$5,000.

Mark Dwiggins, a city engineer for the city, said it will probably be up to the university to make permanent repairs to the street's surface.

"It will be Eastern's responsibility to repair the road, unless other arrangements have been made," Dwiggins said. "Presently, I've not been informed of any arrangements made between Eastern and the city."

Carman ski hill up for demolition

By BRIAN HUCHEL
Campus editor

The Physical Plant began taking contract bids Monday to remove the pile of dirt south of Greek Court, said Ted Weidner, director of the Physical Plant.

"We advertised the project, and interested companies will call us and request to be sent out the plans and specifications," Weidner said.

"We will look over the bids and evaluate them. I will then send the

recommended bid to the Board of Governors," he said.

The BOG will vote on the bid at its meeting March 9, Weidner added. The university needs the approval of the BOG for any project costing more than \$25,000.

Weidner said he expected the project to cost in the range of \$500,000. Work on the project can begin as soon as the BOG approves a bid.

"We just began accepting bids for the project this week," Weidner said. "If we only get one bid for (the dirt

hill's removal), then we will have to wait until more bids come in."

The contract includes removing the dirt; planting grass and trees; pouring a sidewalk; and building a half-mile loop roadway along the east side of Greek Court.

Weidner said he is not limiting the project's bid search to Charleston or Mattoon companies.

"There's not a whole lot of local companies," Weidner said. "We will probably get bids from companies in Champaign and Effingham."

Senate to discuss sending letter to governor

By HEIDI KEIBLER
Student government editor

The Student Senate tonight will hear a letter written to Gov. Jim Edgar concerning higher education in Illinois and vote whether to send the letter in hopes of sparking reaction from the governor.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Senate Speaker Chris Boyster, author of the letter, said he hopes to see Edgar focus a significant amount of time and money on higher education in Illinois during

his second term as governor.

"There always seems to be money in the pile for crime, jails, entities and other programs in Illinois, but not education," Boyster said. "We hope with our writing (Edgar), he'll focus more on higher education."

"This being his home school, maybe he'll listen," he added.

Edgar graduated from Eastern in 1968, where he majored in history and served as student body president.

The senate will also vote tonight on a resolution to create a position for a senate secretary to serve on all senate committees, record and main-

tain minutes and attendance records for senate meetings and assist the senate with general office operations.

Michelle Gaddini, vice president for student affairs, carried out these duties last semester when she served as Student Government chief of staff, but that position was abolished during the recent restructuring of the Student Government executive branch.

The restructuring, which was approved by the student body in November, changed the five executive officer positions to vice presidential positions in an attempt to make officers more accountable to

their constituents.

Boyster said if the resolution is approved, the senate will accept nominations of senate members to serve as secretary next Wednesday and elect someone to fill the position immediately.

The senate secretary must already be a member of the senate and will receive no payment for his or her duties.

Boyster said he believes the senate will have "no problem" finding someone to fill the position.

Also at tonight's meeting:

- The senate will vote on a resolution that would form a transportation committee to

investigate the fairness and safety of all campus parking spaces and traffic signs.

The resolution was brought before the senate at the last meeting of last semester but was tabled for further consideration.

- Boyster will deliver his State of the Senate address in which he will discuss "where we've come and what we want to see the senate accomplish."

"We will no longer look to just next year," Boyster said. "We want this to be known as the year we changed it all. We want to create a new, accessible, reliable, accountable senate."

OPINION

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1995

Eastern keeping tight leash on fraternities

On Dec. 7, 30 to 40 Eastern students – many of them members of Sigma Chi fraternity – drove to Champaign, visited some of the local taverns and allegedly participated in behavior that could be considered bawdy and – in one case – criminal.

Editorial The students, most of whom were 19 or 20 years old, were accused of being involved in four separate incidents that night. One was arrested for allegedly stealing \$100 from a bar's cash register.

The Greek Standards Board is expected to punish Sigma Chi within the next two weeks, citing them in violation of behavior standards.

But should Eastern have the right to sanction a fraternity for out-of-town activities? The issue comes down to whether Eastern was involved with the Sigma Chi's trip to Champaign. If they weren't involved, the fraternity should be left alone.

Sigma Chi was at the University of Illinois for a function with Delta Delta Delta sorority. The alleged trouble occurred during that time.

The university's logic behind punishing them is that when the students were on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus, they were representing Eastern.

That rationale could prove to be murky at best because it does not define at what times a student represents the university. Was the university sponsoring the event, or was it initiated by the U of I sorority?

It seems to reason that the university would not punish a group of fans for screaming obscenities at an away basketball game. Even though the students represent the university, they were there on their own. However, if the school's mock trial team vandalized another university on a school-sponsored trip, Eastern could seek action.

The university has no right to expand its control over students to areas outside the campus if the university has no hand in their arriving there.

If these students were not part of an Eastern-sponsored function, punishing Sigma Chi just doesn't wash.

TODAY'S QUOTE

The broad effects which can be obtained by punishment in man and beast are the increase of fear.
Friedrich Nietzsche

Gingrich plan sacrifices quality for agenda

Resurgent Republicans are sweeping into power in Washington this month with bold plans to shrink government and expel it from areas that private business could better handle.

Overall, it's an agenda worth discussing. But lately such initiatives have mutated into hopelessly misguided proposals, the worst of which is the suggestion that federal support for public television be eliminated. Incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich wants to cut funding for the National Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which helps fund public television and radio.

In his zeal to downsize government, Gingrich has threatened one of the country's most precious public information resources. Public broadcasting can hardly be seen as a drain on the federal budget, and it is, in fact, a prime example of how the best public-private partnerships work.

Public broadcasting offers virtually everyone an unmatched variety of programming that commercial stations can't hope to duplicate. Public radio and television constantly demonstrate what's best about broadcast media, how they can serve readers rather than merely entertain them or do some measure of both at the same time.

Most important, public broadcasting doesn't exist for the same reason as nearly everything else on the airwaves – to sell something.

The absence of that commercial influence is no small advantage. Public broadcasting sets the standard for in-depth news, commentary and documentaries. From television's "The MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour" to National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," public broadcasting does precisely what broadcasting should: ask intelligent questions on timely issues with a commitment to serious discussion.

And the offerings aren't limited to daily headlines. Public television in the last five years has broken



Chris Sundheim

"Public radio and television constantly demonstrate what's best about broadcast media."

ground with exhaustive and compelling documentaries on the Civil War and the culture of baseball. Both shows attracted mainstream viewers by tackling projects that commercial producers wouldn't touch. It stands to reason that these endeavors will make PBS stations more popular in the future, not less.

The PBS audience every week is treated to "Nova" and "Nature" and Louis Rukeyser

and Bill Moyers, each contributing more to the viewers' enrichment in one hour than most networks do in a day.

Public broadcasting still has a corner on the market in symphony music, opera and classical theater. And, of course, there can be little question in the realm of children's programming that "Sesame Street" is infinitely preferable to "The X-Men."

At a time when Americans are increasingly fed up with the deteriorating standards of network and cable programming, public broadcasting is a quiet, contemplative refuge. It is an informative and educational tool like no other.

What's more, it comes at an incredible bargain. The federal investment in public television amounts to just 80 cents a person, according to a PBS breakdown of funding sources. That government boost is complemented by contributions from other corporations, foundations and individual viewers. For every federal dollar, they provide \$4 to \$5.

No one who supports accurate and informed public discourse can support Gingrich's idea. Lawmakers eager to slash federal funding have failed to recognize one of the nation's most cherished and abiding assets.

Public broadcasting is, as one editorial writer opined, a national treasure. Republican calls to pull the plug are not only hasty and uninformed. They totally miss the point.

– Chris Sundheim is associate news editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



All students should be able to utilize hair salon in Union

Dear editor:

We are writing in response to the article in the Dec. 8 edition of The Daily Eastern News regarding the hair salon which will be added to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

We are under the impression that this salon is strictly for African American students. The article was not thorough in giving us the information as to where the funds for this project will come from.

We are curious to know if the survey in the salon was made available to all full-time Eastern students. The University Union is a place available to service all students.

The idea of a hair salon for minorities seems unfair. If the

Your turn

funds for the hair salon are coming from the Black Student Union, that is fine. If not, then the salon should be accessible to all students.

Every student on campus pays the same tuition, regardless of his or her ethnic background, and therefore the University Union and its services should be available to all.

Rachael C. Rester

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AT A GLANCE

Cable Changes

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47	Liberty Sports	Learning Channel
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49	Mind Extension Univ.	Country Music
50	Travel Channel	Request Movie 1
51	E!	Request 4*
52	ESPN 2	not used
53	The Learning Channel	not used
54	Cartoon Network	not used
55	Country Music TV	not used
56	Request Movie 1	not used
61	Action (ppv) 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.	(same)
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Clinton: Best days are yet to come

GALESBURG (AP) – Battling to win back middle-class voters who deserted Democrats last November, President Clinton declared Tuesday that his proposals for job training and tax breaks are the best hope to “keep the American dream alive.”

In a speech in an overheated gym, Clinton opened a new campaign for the “Middle Class Bill of Rights,” which he offered last month as an alternative to the Republicans’ “Contract With America.” Before an audience that included dozens of striking workers who have been off their jobs for months, Clinton said many Americans are working harder for lower wages and “sleeping a little less at night.”

“It’s no wonder that there’s a lot of stress in this country,” the president said. “Life seems to be too random and too insecure for too many people.”

Yet, in a burst of optimism reminiscent of Ronald Reagan, Clinton said he had traveled the world and was convinced “more than ever in my life that the best days of this country are still ahead of us.” It was Clinton’s first political trip of the year and the opening of a determined drive to resurrect his embattled presidency, badly shaken by the Republican takeover of Congress in November.

Recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln after saving himself from tripping, Clinton cracked, “This is a slip and not a fall.” The audience applauded loudly in support.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich set the stage for Clinton, suggesting that Republicans are the party of the rich while Democrats are the champions of the middle class.

“We’ve had enough corpo-

Unions talk to federal officials

GALESBURG (AP) – Three Illinois unions embroiled in lengthy labor disputes took their complaints to the U.S. Secretary of Labor on Tuesday and left the meeting saying they believe government is doing its best to help.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich said he and President Clinton – who was visiting Galesburg on Tuesday to promote his “Middle Class Bill of Rights” – cannot intervene directly in labor disputes. The most they can do is work behind the scenes to bring both sides to the bargaining table, Reich said.

“I reassured them that our role is to do everything possible to promote peaceful collective bargaining,” Reich said after the meeting.

rate tax breaks already,” Reich told the audience. “We’ve had enough corporate welfare.” In a show of solidarity, Reich later met with workers from strike-bound Caterpillar, Bridgestone-Firestone and Staley Manufacturing.

Clinton visited Sandburg Community College to highlight his \$3.5 billion proposal for job-training grants of \$2,600 for 300,000 to 400,000 unemployed and low-income people a year.

TCI adds six channels

Six new cable channels are available to TCI Cable customers across the Charleston-Mattoon area after the company recently adjusted its lineup of listings.

Subscribers to the expanded basic service received the channels Friday.

The additional channels to the expanded basic service include:

- 45, Z-Music, featuring contemporary Christian music videos.
- 46, C-Span 2, covering the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 47, Liberty Sports, featuring women’s sports, classic sports, sporting news and various Spanish-language sports programming.
- 48, Cable Health, showing fitness, health, exercise and lifestyle programming.
- 49, Mind Extension University, a secondary education supplement that covers undergraduate and graduate courses with

degree opportunities for adults continuing their education.

- 50, Travel Channel, featuring travel programs, leisure activities, foreign travel information and travel tips.

One pay-per-view channel was dropped because of the addition. Six other existing channels were relocated to different channel slots.

The channels will be the same for both Mattoon and Charleston customers.

TCI Systems Manager Dan VanZandbergen was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

TCI Office Manager Brenda Scribner declined to comment on the changes or if the subscription rate would increase because of the additional channels.

– Staff report

Hypnotist last Preview event

By KAREN WOLDEN
Activities editor

Hypnotist Ronny Romm will make audience members sleepy and read their innermost thoughts Thursday night at his Eastern premiere in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Romm will take the stage at 8 p.m. The show, sponsored by the University Board Special Events Committee, is free and open to everyone.

“It’s something different we wanted to do, something besides the usual,” said Keith Lipke, director of the UB.

Romm, 34, has performed for full houses throughout the country at high schools, col-

leges, conventions, clubs, resorts and on cruises.

“We got a lot of positive feedback about him from other schools,” Lipke said. Locally, Romm was well received at Illinois State University at Bloomington-Normal, the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

“We had a hypnotist last year and it went really well,” Lipke said. “I think the students who saw the hypnotist last year will most likely go.”

The show will include extrasensory perception and hypnosis demonstrations, during which Romm has been known to accurately produce audience members’ names, social security numbers, phone numbers and scholastic grades.

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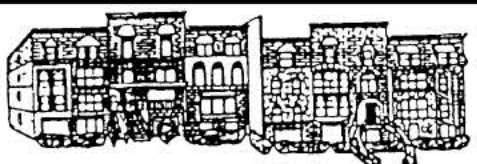
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Russians, Chechens violate cease-fire

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — A cease-fire between Russian soldiers and Chechen rebels collapsed quickly today as heavy shelling and small-arms fire again filled the capital.

The 48-hour cease-fire was meant to allow both sides to evacuate their dead and wounded. It ended soon after it began at 8 a.m., with both Russians and Chechens violating the truce.

Chechens defending the presidential palace in downtown Grozny used the brief lull to bring out their dead in white shrouds from the gutted building and send in reinforcements. They claimed to have Russian POWs in the basement.

By midday, shelling in the fourth week of a Russian offensive against secessionists trying to win independence for the southern Russia



republic was so heavy that Chechen defenders could no longer leave or enter the palace.

The Russian government said today the cease-fire was possible because Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev had suffered a "total and final defeat." It said the truce was a "last chance" for Dudayev and his men to put down their arms.

Despite a relentless Russian offensive, the Chechens clearly controlled the center of their capital this morning, but their overall territory was shrinking. Many of the several dozen heavily armed Chechens

inside the palace were tired but said they were determined to go on fighting.

"The Russians don't observe the cease-fire at all. They are firing all the time," said a Chechen fighter who gave his first name as Khalid.

However, the Chechens themselves were firing randomly from the palace, which showed the effects of the Russian pounding. The entire top left-hand corner of the 9-story building has been completely blown away.

The square in front of the palace was a moon-like terrain littered with debris, rubble and burned-out Russian armored personnel carriers.

President Boris Yeltsin sent tens of thousands of Russian troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to restore control over the republic, which declared independence in 1991.

Leadership adjustment no picnic for Gingrich, party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich's troops say one of the things they like best about him is the way he handles his mistakes. The House speaker is getting lots of practice at that as he adjusts to his new job.

Gingrich may have set a world record for speed in quashing a growing embarrassment with his firing Monday night of Christina Jeffrey, a political ally he had handpicked to be House historian.

She herself was history a few hours after Gingrich learned she'd been at the center of a 1986 furor over the Holocaust.

No months of mulling, agonizing or negative headlines. Instead, there was the clean break that is becoming a Gingrich hallmark. But will the glitches become hallmarks as well?

Since the election that catapulted him to the speakership, Gingrich has made inflammatory remarks and pledged to tone down his style; promised an early vote on a school-prayer amendment to the Constitution then thought better of it; tempered one of the GOP's harsher welfare proposals; and, under intense political pressure, rejected a \$4.5 million book advance he had fully intended to accept.

The string of mini-controversies doesn't faze Gingrich's loyal followers.

If something goes wrong, said Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., a key Gingrich adviser, "There's no sense trying to figure out a way to cover up on it. It's time to get it corrected and get on

with our mission."

"That's Newt and that's what I like about him," said moderate Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. "When he makes a mistake, he owns up to it and he changes it. It's very reassuring because it means that if you're the butt of his mistake, he listens to you."

Republicans generally seem willing to accept Gingrich's foibles in exchange for his ability to plan, strategize and make things happen. "These were qualities the preceding speaker completely lacked," Johnson said bluntly of Democrat Thomas Foley of Washington.

Few politicians make the leap that Gingrich did, from assistant minority leader to House speaker, second in the line of presidential succession. Some view the bumps in the road so far as inevitable given Gingrich's jump in status, his ambitious plans and his thinking-out-loud personality.

"He's a man with a lot of ideas," said Donald Bacon, editor of the four-volume Encyclopedia of the U.S. Congress. "They seem to flow out of him pretty freely. Some of them are better than others." Consistency does not seem to be one of Gingrich's primary goals.

"It's new. It's complex. It changes over time. We are not going to get trapped into doing something dumb just so you all can say we're consistent," he told reporters Monday. He was talking about welfare reform, but the message had wider resonance.

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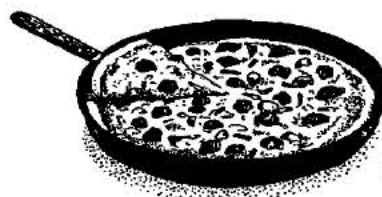
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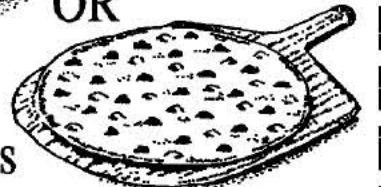
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GOP freshman question Gingrich's new 'Contract'

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans, led by Speaker Newt Gingrich, may appear to be a well-oiled army, marching to fulfill the party's "Contract With America." But some members of the Grand Old Party are determinedly out of step.

Freshman Rep. Jim Bunn's fears that the GOP proposals on welfare could encourage teen-age abortions made him one of the few House Republicans who wouldn't go along with his brethren.

"I did not sign the 'Contract' because of the provision that calls for cutting off support for teen-age mothers," Bunn, R-Ore., an outspoken abortion opponent, said in an interview. "As an individual who is pro-life, I feel you have a responsibility to help people with a crisis pregnancy."

The "Contract With America," on which the

"As an individual who is pro-life, I feel you have a responsibility to help people with a crisis pregnancy."

—Rep. Jim Bunn, R-Ore.

Republican Party campaigned to an historic victory in November, promises House votes on 10 proposals including a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget, sharp limits on welfare benefits, a line-item veto, and term limits for lawmakers. Many GOP candidates made the document — orchestrated by Gingrich, R-Ga. — the centerpiece of their campaigns.

But freshmen Reps. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., two other non-signers, expressed concerns that the federal deficit would widen if Congress increased defense

spending while cutting the capital gains tax rate and providing a \$500-per-child tax credit.

"In the 80s, we gave everybody tax cuts, which was marvelous," said LaHood, who won the seat vacated by retiring House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill. "It stimulated the economy. But we increased our defense (spending) dramatically and we're running huge deficits now."

"I just think the American people are pretty smart and they recognize that we simply don't have the money at this point to be writing them a check," LaHood said.

Democrats prepare for changes with GOP takeover in Legislature

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The tremors that rocked state politics last November will surface in the Capitol Wednesday as Democrats in the House turn over the gavel to a Republican majority.

For Democrats who escaped defeat it means becoming a minority caucus after 12 years of Chicago Democrat Michael Madigan's firm rule as House speaker.

The grumbling can also be heard in the Senate, where Democrats have been the minority party for two years after ruling for 18 years.

"They're really down," said Sen. Denny Jacobs, D-East Moline.

"They're moaning and groaning. They've got to remember Speaker Madigan was not the kindest person to the Republicans."

Republicans expect to push through no legislation in their first week, as lawmakers get their new offices Wednesday and then listen to Gov. Jim Edgar's State of the State address on Thursday.

Democrats expect heated arguments with the new House majority on Thursday as the GOP proposes new rules to give committees more control over legislation and make it more difficult for amendments to be added.

GOP lawmakers say Democrats need not worry too much about retaliation for the way Madigan treated Republicans. Under him, many GOP bills never made it to a floor vote, and huge amendments were dropped on their desks with little warning.

"I don't have this huge store of resentment I've built up over the years," said Rep. Mary Lou Cowlshaw, R-Naperville. "For a lot of us there is a feeling of compassion for a lot of the Democrats who suffered under the speaker almost as much as we did."

For the black and Hispanic members of the House — all Democrats — the changeover will be particularly dramatic. They held eight committee chairmanships in the old House. Now, their number has increased by two to 18 but those positions are gone as their party becomes the minority.

"I've rejected any attempt to blast them," said Rep. Monique Davis, a black Chicago Democrat who has chaired the House Committee on Labor and Commerce. "It'd be stupid. They won, and they'll be there for two years." Democrats have few illusions about how to deal with their predicament in a chamber now ruled by a 64-54 GOP majority.

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Bulls blast Magic in Grant's return

CHICAGO (AP) — Scottie Pippen had 26 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls defeated Orlando 109-77, snapping the Magic's four-game winning streak.

The 77 points by Orlando, the highest-scoring team in the NBA with a 114 point average, was a season low. The defeat was only Orlando's second in its last 11 games and fifth in its last 25.

Overall, Orlando (26-7) is still the winningest team in the NBA.

Chicago's B.J. Armstrong scored all 22 of his points in the first half and Toni Kukoc had 19.

Chicago stretched a 13-point halftime lead to 30 points by the end of the third period as the Bulls' defense limited Orlando to

just 19 percent shooting in the quarter.

Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal, the league's leading scorer with a 30 point average, finished with 17.

The Bulls scored the first 11 points of the game. Armstrong, with 14 points, and Pippen, with 13, helped give Chicago a 35-15 lead after the first quarter, when the Bulls shot 55 percent compared to Orlando's 26 percent.

Chicago led 48-28 with 6:17 left in the first half when Orlando went on a 18-11 run to trim the Chicago advantage by halftime to 59-46. The closest Orlando got during the streak was when Horace Grant dunked at 1:45 to pull the Magic to 53-44.

Hurting Orlando were 13 turnovers, which led to 15 Bulls' points.

Knicks pound Pacers in playoff rematch

NEW YORK (AP) — John Starks tied a team record with eight 3-pointers and his 31 points eclipsed an equally strong performance from Indiana's Reggie Miller as the New York Knicks stretched their winning streak to seven Tuesday night with a 117-105 victory over the Pacers.

In the teams' first meeting since New York beat Indiana in a seven-game Eastern Conference finals series last season, neither team missed much. Two of the league's best defensive teams each shot 62 percent from the field.

The two shooting guards, Starks and Miller, each were 10-for-16, but Starks' treys made the difference for New York. Patrick Ewing and Charles Smith each had 19 points, and Derek Harper added 16 points and 13 assists.

Miller finished with 28 for Indiana, while Rik Smits and Byron Scott each had 14.

New York led by as many

as 10 points early in the final period, but Indiana stayed close. After a 3-pointer by Miller pulled the Pacers to 102-98, Starks hit two of his own in a 90-second span to put New York on top 110-100 with 3:24 to play.

A layup by Miller cut the lead to seven with 1:45 left, but the Pacers didn't score again. He got into a shoving match with Smith in the game's final seconds, and both players were assessed technical fouls.

After the game, the two again exchanged shoves in the hallway leading to the locker rooms.

The Knicks used 5-of-5 3-point shooting to stay in command in the third quarter. Starting the second half with an 11-3 spurt, they pushed their lead to 66-54.

The Pacers came back to cut it to two points several times, but New York finished the period with three straight treys from Harper, Starks, who had 14 points in the quarter, and Ewing.

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Hockey season still alive – at least for a while

NEW YORK (AP) – The NHL lock-out has come down to one last offer from the league. Take it or leave it. Season or no season. The owners said Tuesday night it's all up to the players.

"This is the final, final, final, final offer," Boston Bruins president Harry Sinden said.

"We've given (NHL commissioner) Gary Bettman a mandate to do the deal on our guidelines," Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington said.

"We have sent back an offer that's final," Los Angeles Kings general manager Sam McMaster said.

Reminded that management has said that before and then relented, he said: "This one means final."

The proposal, which passed 19-7, contained more restrictions on free agency than the plan the owners rejected 14-12 at the end of a contentious conference call a few hours earlier. The offer that the Board of Governors sent to the players also is without the \$300,000 per team retroactive pay that had been included in the unsuccessful measure.

If the players Wednesday turn down the final offer, owners say they are prepared to make the NHL the first major professional sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

The 102-day lockout would turn into a complete washout.

"Nobody likes an ultimatum, but we've had ultimatums before," Chicago Blackhawks player representative Jeremy Roenick said. "They say it's their last one. We have to treat it like that and see what happens."

Roenick also said the NHL Players Association wouldn't deal with the proposal until Wednesday.

"Everybody is tired," he said late Tuesday. "Everybody is going home and going to sleep and we'll pick it up in the morning."

Free agency was by far the most contentious issue in the round-the-clock talks that Bettman and NHLPA head Bob Goodenow started Monday morning.

The negotiators raced against a league-imposed noon Tuesday deadline for canceling the season. But that deadline came and went with the season still alive – barely.

Now it remains to be seen if the owners have made an offer the players can stomach.

Under terms of the 6-year contract, players would have the right to become unrestricted free agents at age 32 in the first three years and at 31 in the last three. Because owners have the right to reopen the agreement after the 1997-98 season, there might be only one year in which 31-year-olds have complete freedom.

Sinden doesn't have much sympathy.

"We started out ... knowing full well that we needed a salary cap," he said. "We changed the cap to a tax and we didn't get that, either."

Illini tip Purdue with Keene trey

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) – Richard Keene scored 16 points, including a 3-pointer that put Illinois ahead to stay with 57.7 seconds remaining, as Illinois defeated Purdue 62-58 Tuesday.

Illinois (12-3, 3-0 Big Ten) rallied to snap Purdue's 10-game winning streak at home despite going more than eight minutes without scoring a field goal to start the second half.

Purdue (10-5, 1-2) trailed 33-24 at halftime but took the lead with a 20-5 spurt to start the second half. Justin Jennings scored nine points within a three minute span to put the Boilermakers ahead 45-38 with 10:32 to play.

Illinois responded with three consecutive baskets to get back in the game. A free throw by Shelly Clark put Illinois ahead 55-54 with 1:45 to go. Cuonzo Martin, Purdue's leading scorer for the season who had all 11 of his points in the second half, made two free throws to give Purdue its final lead 56-55 with 1:18 remaining.

After Keene's 3-pointer gave Illinois the lead, Purdue's Brad Miller lost the ball in a scramble under the Boilermakers' basket.

Illinois' Kiwane Garriss was fouled with 34 seconds remaining and hit two free throws.

Todd Waddell's basket left Purdue trailing 60-58 with 22.5 seconds to go. Garriss and Kevin Turner then each made one free throw for Illinois, sandwiched around a futile 3-point attempt by Waddell.

Waddell led Purdue with 12 points, and Garriss had 12 for Illinois. Turner, averaging 2 points per game, came off the bench to hit a pair of 3-pointers in the first half for Illinois and finished with 10 points.

Illinois didn't get its first field goal of the period until Keene made a three-point play with 11:47 to go.

Jennings had nine of Purdue's 10 points, starting with a three-point play that tied the game 35-35 with 13:23 to play. His next basket put Purdue ahead 37-35.

Another Jennings basket made it 39-35. Illinois, which made only four of its first 16 shots in the second half, fell behind 45-38 when Martin made three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt with 10:32 to go.

Byrdsong returns to own house of pain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) – Ricky Byrdsong expected so much his first year at Northwestern. When some of his goals started slipping away, Byrdsong started to unravel.

Instead of prowling the sidelines during his team's loss at Williams Arena last February, Byrdsong roamed the stands. He walked the aisles, chatted with fans and waved to the crowd while an assistant led the team.

An usher even kicked him out of a seat and the crowd chanted "Byrdsong's nuts." It was a comical, bizarre, futile motivational ploy by a man feeling the pressures of big-time college basketball. Byrdsong took a 12-day leave after that game, consulting

doctors about his mental and physical health.

He will return to Minnesota on Wednesday night with another struggling team. This time, though, Byrdsong insists he's back in control.

"We've got this season totally in perspective and we have a clear vision of what is needed with this team," he said Tuesday. "There's no pressure."

The pressure is always there for a Division I basketball coach, but Byrdsong has learned to deal with it better in his second year coaching the Wildcats.

Northwestern started 9-0 last season, then lost its first seven Big Ten games before Byrdsong's unusual evening at Williams Arena.

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(two words, six syllables) that Eastern will need to cap off what could become a storybook season – CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

"We want to be playing even better basketball at the end of the season than we are now," Klein said. "We are so young, and are a team made up of a lot of new players, but we still try to win every game. And we are capable of winning every game."

But to do that, Klein says the team needs to continue to stress its defense, while all the time doing more things on offense.

"We just need to maintain and improve, and get better at becoming a little more con-

sistent offensively," Klein said. "We're averaging 61 points a game. We'd like to get that up a little bit."

"And we need to cut down on turnovers. Sometimes we still get into spurts in the game where we'll go five minutes without scoring."

Saturday is Eastern's next chance to improve its defense, offense, and more importantly, its conference record, when it travels to face Central Connecticut. Conference games against Troy State and Valparaiso come next week.

And if Eastern wins these games, Klein and his players won't be the only ones who believe.

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fully will help his chances to move up to First Team by the time he's a senior."

Van Dyke, who was also

picked to the Mid-Con's All-Tournament team, was No. 2 in team scoring with 16 points (four goals, eight assists).

In his three years as a Panther, Van Dyke has nine goals and 12 assists.

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announcement was approximately 46. Show me a competitive women's soccer team at Eastern that fields 46 players, and I'll show you a season where Michael Jordan puts up Frank Thomas-like numbers on the baseball field. It's not going to happen.

You don't create opportunity for women by eliminating opportunity for men. All that is truly achieved via that route is the satisfaction of the OCR's stuffed suits when it comes number-crunching time.

The men's swimming team at the University of Illinois learned two years ago that litigation is not enough to spare your team the wrath of elimination.

And should the threatened lawsuit against Eastern by Chicago attorneys Bob Smith, foster father of Eastern wrestler Tim Fix, and Lou Goldstein become a reality, they, too, can expect a similar outcome.

How could the university possibly be found guilty of complying with federal law? It's not

going to happen. The threatened lawsuit, and the possibility of its becoming a reality, amount to little more than crying over crumbled cookies.

If the lawsuit-happy and emotionally driven parents of Eastern's wrestlers and male swimmers were looking to go after the real bad guy in the whole mess, they would use the U.S. legal system to their advantage in demanding the OCR devise a more "equitable" formula for determining gender equity.

Further, they could seek a more specific definition of exactly what the entire enigma is. They could charge the OCR's mandates traditionally force the violation of men's rights while pretending to preserve those of women.

With "equitable" resolutions to those flaws in gender equity laws, Eastern, and other schools, would no longer be forced to come out fighting with both hands tied behind their collective genitals, whatever they may be.

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all.

The Panthers then head to Troy State on Monday to take on the Trojans which are averaging over 94 points a game.

The last of the three straight road games takes Eastern to Valparaiso on January 21.

• Through Sunday's games, the Panthers were among the league leaders on the defensive side of the ball.

Eastern is second in the Mid-Con, allowing just over 64 points a game. The Panthers are also second in three-point field goal defense (26.9 percent) and

Eastern men's basketball statistics (7-5, 3-1)												
Player	G	Min	FG	Att	Pct	3pt	Pct	FT%	Reb	Ast	Pts	
Comer	11	166	15	38	.395	8	.421	.800	1.8	0.5	4.5	
Frankford	11	286	39	67	.582	3	.375	.538	6.1	0.8	8.0	
Graham	7	45	2	5	.400	0	.000	.333	2.0	0.1	0.9	
Hernandez	11	330	17	47	.361	8	.333	.647	2.5	4.9	5.8	
Jordan	11	322	57	132	.431	16	.307	.600	4.0	2.1	13.1	
Kaye	7	32	4	9	.444	0	.000	.375	0.7	0.3	1.6	
Landrus	11	350	57	121	.471	28	.411	.773	3.5	3.0	16.0	
Moore	11	261	50	107	.462	18	.474	.714	3.5	1.5	12.1	
Odumuyiwa	11	210	23	50	.460	0	.000	.600	3.6	0.8	5.0	
Rodriguez	1	28	4	13	.308	0	.000	.000	5.0	1.0	8.0	
Rossi	9	49	3	10	.300	0	.000	.875	1.0	2.2	1.4	
Slaughter	11	323	26	70	.371	0	.000	.511	7.7	0.4	6.7	
Panthers	11	---	297	668	.444	81	.380	.639	39.0	15.7	74.9	
Opponents	11	---	274	655	.418	50	.243	.667	38.0	14.4	70.3	

overall field goal defense (41.7 percent).

Freshman Eric Frankford is also fourth in the league,

averaging 1.8 blocked shots per game.

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Title IX suit threat doesn't have a chance

By provision of the U.S. legal system, anybody can sue anyone for anything. What's more, anybody can simply *threaten* to sue.

Talk is cheap.

Whether Eastern's wrestling and men's swimming programs will be granted an 11th hour reprieve via such action remains anybody's guess. Put this writer on record as saying there's a better chance of a settlement in the Major League Baseball labor stalemate during the reading of this column.

The university's announcement of the eliminations last fall was an unfortunate occurrence. Anytime programs with established tradition are cut, it's a sad day for everyone involved.

But the whole thing comes down to a reality nobody likes to face when it threatens their domain — money.

There's a certain guy named Newt preparing the entire nation to come to terms with that simple fact — you can't spend more money than you have, and you must spend the money you do have as wisely as possible.

Money. The green stuff. Cabbage. Moola. That's why the gender equity ax fell Sept. 29 on the wrestling and men's swimming teams. Eastern could not afford to add any more than one new women's team, and two men's teams paid the price.

The Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights did not *order* Eastern's athletic department to eliminate the two teams. That was a decision made by Athletic Director Bob McBee, President David Jorns and the Intercollegiate Athletic Board — and a painful decision at that.

Contrary to the belief of many people affected by that decision, the above mentioned administrators did not derive any pleasure from those cuts. They were simply forced to make an extremely difficult choice as mandated by federal law.

By 1998, in accordance with federal law, Eastern must achieve what the OCR believes to be "gender equity." However, most people connected with the Eastern Athletic Department do not believe true gender equity is achieved by eliminating two men's teams and adding one for women. That opinion is quite valid.

The combined head count of the wrestling and men's swimming teams at the time of the

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Proving 'em wrong

Women hoopsters surprising everyone but themselves

By TIM BROZENEK
Staff writer

Who calls the Psychic Hotline, anyway?

Predicted to finish eighth in the Mid-Continent Conference by "prophetic" conference coaches, the Eastern women's basketball team (7-4 overall, 3-1 in the Mid-Con) has so far exceeded even the die-hard fan's expectations.

That is, everyone but its coach, John Klein.

"We're not surprised (with our record) because we believe in what we're doing," he said. "We now have a team of players that really understand the system."

"I really feel that we can be a first place team in the conference."

There's one major reason (one word, two syllables) why the Lady Panthers have been so successful thus far — DEFENSE.

"I think the first reason for our winning is the fact that we've always stressed defense," Klein said. "Anybody can play good defense, and it's kept us in every game we've played."

Sophomore Sarah Probst, coming off of a career high 20-point effort against Northeastern Illinois, concurs.

"Coach Klein's defense has really done a lot for our program, and I think the freshmen have picked up the



KARI SWIFT/Photo editor

Junior guard Kenya Green drives toward the basket in the Lady Panthers' 67-41 win over Northeastern Illinois Monday night. Green and her teammates have been a pleasant surprise in the Mid-Continent Conference this year, already surpassing their win total from a year ago.

defense really quick, even quicker than I did last year," she said.

There's also a minor reason (one word, three syllables) for the early success of the team — ATTITUDE. Both Klein and Probst were quick to point that out.

"The attitudes of the players have been fantastic," Probst said. "All the players are getting along on and off of the court. It's really been an enjoyable year so far."

Finally, according to Klein, there's one major ingredient

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McTighe earns national honor

Out of 33 players, and six sophomores nationwide, Eastern soccer midfielder Brad McTighe has been named Third Team All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Athletic Association.

McTighe and junior midfielder Steve Van Dyke were also named All-Midwest Region First Team by the NSCAA.

McTighe led the Panthers to the Western Division crown of the Mid-Continent Conference with an overall record of 12-3-1 and a conference mark of 6-1-1.

This season, McTighe led the Panthers in scoring, was No. 3 in the Mid-Con and No. 7 in the Midwest Region in points with 28 (10 goals, 8 assists).

In his two seasons at Eastern, McTighe has 24 goals and 11 assists. He was chosen First Team All-Mid-Continent and also named to the league's All-Tournament Team.

McTighe's recognition makes it the first time a Panther has received All-American honors since 1984 when Albert Adade was named to the First Team.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment ... especially since he's only a sophomore," said coach Cizo Mosnia. "Receiving this honor after just two years of college play gives him additional recognition which hope-

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Moore giving Eastern lift off bench

In Eastern's 83-60 victory over Northeastern Illinois on Monday night, sophomore guard Johnny Moore had 18 points on seven of 10 shooting from the field, which included three-for-three from behind the 3-point line. He also collected four rebounds.

Was it mentioned that he did all of this off the bench?

Moore is one of the quality guards in Eastern's backcourt, but has only started three games because he is playing behind three-year starter and leading scorer for the Panthers — Derrick Landrus.

But according to Samuels, Moore is just as effective coming off the bench as he would be as a starter.

"Moore certainly was a lift for us," Samuels said of the sophomore's performance on Monday. "He is a key player for us."

"It's nice to have him off the bench. Your opponent is sitting there thinking 'when is that guy going to come in?'"

Moore is currently third on the team in scoring (11.1 points per game) behind Landrus (14.8 ppg) and senior forward Louis Jordan (12.3



ppg).

"He can come in and explode to the basket. He can come in and hit some three's like he did (Monday)," Samuels said.

"That 'sixth man' is as important as probably your leading

scorer. If you have a guy that the opponent has to worry about — has to talk about in their scouting report — it makes you a much more effective team."

• The Panthers now face the road for their next three games after two consecutive home victories which pushed their season home mark to 4-0.

Eastern heads to Central Connecticut State (4-6 overall, 2-1 in the Mid-Continent Conference) on Saturday for a game that looks tougher than expected since the Blue Devils upset Buffalo 64-61 on Monday. Central Connecticut handed the Bulls their first conference loss of the season and just their third loss over-

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Men's standings

	Conf.	All
Central Conn. State	2-0	4-5
Buffalo University	4-1	9-3
EASTERN	3-1	7-5
Valparaiso	3-1	6-5
Western Illinois	2-1	8-3
Chicago State	2-3	2-10
Youngstown State	1-3	7-4
Northeastern Illinois	1-3	3-9
Troy State	1-3	2-10
Missouri-Kansas City	1-3	1-8

Saturday's games

Eastern at Central Conn.
Valparaiso at Troy State
Buffalo at Youngstown St.
Western at Northeastern
Missouri-KC at Chicago St.